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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the relevant listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98 (a) (2) (i), effective for applications filed after June 30, 2003, First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements may be filed without copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published applications. Such documents are therefore not being submitted herewith.

The references now cited are the following:

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#### OTHER ART

Copy of United States Patent Application S/N 10/664,562 (K-C Ref. No. 19376), filed September 19, 2003, entitled "A Surgical Drape System With Pouch," 12 pages.

Copy of United States Patent Application S/N 10/691,726 (K-C Ref. No. 18875), filed October 22, 2003, entitled "Package For Segregating And Mixing Substances," 21 pages.

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Copy of United States Patent Application S/N 10/731,685 (K-C Ref. No. 19342), filed December 9, 2003, entitled "Combination Pouch/Backing Sheet For Personal Care Absorbent Articles With Mechanical Attachment System," 29 pages.

Copy of United States Patent Application S/N 10/744,145 (K-C Ref. No. 18236), filed December 22, 2003, entitled "Packaged Interlabial Article," 28 pages.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.98(a)(3)(i), and based solely upon a review of the drawings of references B2-B10, Applicants provide the following concise explanations of those references, which are not in English. In particular, references B2-B10 appear to show various absorbent articles, packaging components and/or combinations thereof, including various configurations of folded articles, components and/or combinations thereof. Applicants note that references B2-B10 differ from references A130-A138 and in particular do not have the "A" designation. Accordingly, references B2-B10 are not duplicative, and Applicants respectfully request the that the Examiner consider the references and make them of record.

This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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